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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Bills Introduced in the 101st Congress that may
Impact on the Agency's Retirement Program

REFERENCE:

Your memorandum dated 14 July 1989

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1. Retirement Division (RD) appreciates your update on the status of specific legislation we have asked you to monitor. Following are five more bills we would like you to track:

A. H.R. 1805

This bill would allow Federal annuitants to make contributions for health benefits through direct payments rather than via annuity withholdings if the annuity is insufficient to cover the required withholdings.

Comment: No Agency equities involved; however, we would like to be advised of the progress of this legislation. This bill would mainly benefit survivor annuitants whose monthly payments might be insufficient to cover ever increasing health insurance premiums. By making direct payments, these annuitants could use other sources of income to cover the premium costs.

B. H.R. 2081

This is another bill seeking to amend Title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age.

Comment: No Agency equities involved, but please continue to monitor. RD would like to be advised if passage appears likely so we may alert out counselors and consider publishing an employee bulletin.

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C. H.R. 2328

This bill would also amend Title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age, and to provide for an increase in the exempt amount under the earnings test for beneficiaries who have not attained retirement age.

Comments: Similar to H.R. 2328 above. No Agency equities involved, but we would like to be advised if passage appears likely.

D. H.R. 2538

Bill provides another opportunity for Federal employees to elect coverage under the FERS.

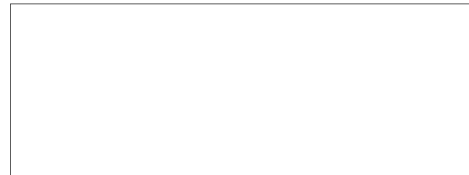
Comments: This appears to be a companion Bill to S. 1108. Passage would greatly impact on RD's workload. Please monitor this Bill and keep RD informed of progress.

E. S. 1231

A bill to authorize benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for certain survivors.

Comments: This is an important bill; request you follow closely. RD is currently drafting legislation to conform CIARDS to the 1984 CSRS changes. Thus we are extremely interested if there is going to be a change in CSRS.

2. We have reviewed the other bills referred to in your memo, i.e., H.R. 805, 1252, 1394, 1784, 1865, 1866, 1877, 2309, 2310, and 2349; and S. 864 and 1256. We see no need to continue to track these pieces of legislation.



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